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- 1. APPRECIATE RECEIVING CABLED SUMMARY OF CANBERRA A-050 WHICH TO OUR KNOWLEDGE DEPT. STILL HAS NOT RECEIVED. IT IS UNCLEAR IF THE LISTED INFORMATION IS REQUIRED FOR RESEARCH CLEARANCE OR PORT CLEARANCE. UPON RECEIPT OF THE AIRGRAM WE WILL CONTACT EMBASSY FOR CLARIFICATION IF NECESSARY AS FULL AIRGRAM MAY RESOLVE QUESTION.
- 2. DEPT. CONTACTED LAMONT-DOHERTY AGAIN AND THEY PREFER TO PROVIDE INFO REQUIRED THROUGH THEIR SHIPPING AGENT PATRICK AGENCIES, 33 PITT STREET, BOX 3918, GPO SYDNEY, NSW, 2001 AUSTRALIA PHONE NO. 27-6611. THEY INDICATED AGAIN (SEE REFTEL A) THAT THEY WILL NOT REQUIRE RESEARCH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CLEARANCE BUT WILL ONLY REQUEST CLEARANCE FOR A PORT CALL. AS VEMA IS A FOREIGN FLAG VESSEL AND AUSTRALIAN LAW APPARENTLY DOES NOT REQUIRE USE OF OFFICIAL CHANNELS, THE DEPT. IS RELUCTANT TO PRESSURE LAMONT INTO USING OFFICIAL CHANNELS. LAMONT FEELS IT IS THE PROPER FUNCTION OF THE SHIPPING AGENT TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION.

3. DEPT. VIEWS THE REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS AND NAMES AND NATIONALITIES OF PASSENGERS AND SCIENTISTS AS BEING BEYOND WHAT IS NORMALLY REQUIRED. SINCE PORT CALLS ARE OFTEN MADE JUST A FEW DAYS IN ADVANCE AND ALL PERSONS ABOARD CARRY PASSPORTS OR SEAMAN'S CARDS IT IS NOT UNDERSTOOD BY US WHY THIS SHOULD BE REQUIRED. THE OTHER INFO REGARDING RESEARCH IS NORMALLY PROVIDED OR AGREED TO BY THE US WHEN REQUESTING RESEARCH CLEARANCE. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DISCUSS THIS 'ITH DFA TO SEE IF THEY MIGHT RECONSIDER OR WAIVE THIS REQUIREMENT. VANCE

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